

Recruits Wanted for Fellowcraft Team

Eastern Star News

After the summer vacation a regular meeting held Sept. 12th marked the opening of a very busy fall season. First on our fall calendar was the session of Washtenaw County Association held in Manchester Sept. 17th Rainbow Installation was held Sept. 19th and Micheline Roesch was installed as the new

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York Rite Festival

Brothers and Companions of all Masonic Bodies:

On October 8 a York Rite Festival will be held for all Masons and their friends.

A get together will feature the festival with a delicious dinner, a very prominent speaker, and a very nice movie. Also at this time three life certificates will be given to three members of Excelsior Chapter No. 25, and one from Union Council No. 11. At this time a very popular member of our Masonic Lodge will be honored. This event is being sponsored jointly by Excelsior Chapter No. 25 and Union Council No. 11. The proceeds from the dinner are to be used towards financing the centennial of Excelsior Chapter No. 25 and Union Council No. 11. Probably some of you do not remember that it will be one hundred years since the two lodges were chartered. On January 8, 1861, both of these lodges were chartered. Lets have an enjoyable evening.

Remember this is for all Mason's and their friends. Tickets are available from all officers of all the Masonic Bodies.

Fellowcraft team Captain Mervin Shannon has issued his clarion call for some new blood for the Fellowcraft team to replace members who have moved away or whose work interferes.

Several positions are open and any brother who has the time will find work on the fellowcraft team rewarding. Not only for the fellowship attained, but for the greater proficiency which results in active participation.

Last week the team took part in raising two new Master Masons to membership in Phoenix Lodge.

You too can take part in the degree work, and you will enjoy it also, all you need to do is contact Merv Shannon and he will place you with more experienced brothers who can help you in gaining more knowledge.

Several visitations are all ready planned to other lodges, and others are being contemplated. So don't miss out in the fun. Join up now.

Washtenaw County Association, Order of the Eastern Star

In an impressive ceremony on Saturday evening, September 17, Mrs. Lellavene Wallace, Past Matron of the Ypsilanti Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star, was installed as President of the Washtenaw County Association, Order of the Eastern Star. The association was organized in 1908 and is composed of the seven O.E.S. chapters located within the boundaries of Washtenaw County.

The annual fall session was held in the Emanuel Church Hall, Manchester, with the members of Manchester Chapter No. 101 acting as hostesses. At 12:30 P.M. a delicious luncheon was served in the Methodist Church dining room to approximately 60 members. The tables were decorated with vases of bitter-sweet and fall leaves. The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Mrs. Laura Green, Past President from Washtenaw - Dexter

Chapter No. 302, and Mr. Edward Johnson, Past First Vice-President, of Ann Arbor Chapter No. 122. Assisting officers for the two sessions were assisting Marshal, Mrs. Lucile Wurster, Manchester, and assisting Organist, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, Ypsilanti. The county officers were escorted through honor lines to their stations and Mrs. Green presented the gavel to the President, Mrs. Edna Difenderfer, Manchester.

A bible ceremony was presented by Washtenaw-Dexter Chapter with the invocation by Mrs. Gladys Weatherwax, Olive-Chelsea Chapter No. 108. Mr. Harold Koch, Past Grand Patron, accompanied by his wife at the piano, delighted the assembly with several songs. The flags were presented by the Ann Arbor Chapter and following the introductions by the president, a tribute to the past presidents was given by Olive-Chelsea Chapter. Mrs. Eleanor Hall, Worthy Matron, presented each of the past presidents with shoulder corsages of miniature chrysanthemums. Mrs. Marilyn Samonek, Worthy Matron of Manchester, gave a short address of welcome and expressed her gratitude that Manchester had been selected as the hostess for this meeting. Following the response given by Mrs. Ruth Smith, Worthy Matron of Milan Chapter No. 106, the business meeting was held and officers for the 1960-

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Eastern Star Trestle Board

- Oct. 10—Regular Business 7:30 P.M.
annual meeting and election of officers.
- Oct. 11-12-13—Grand Chapter O.E.S.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Oct. 22—Public Installation 8:00 P.M.
Preceded by dinner 6:30
reception following installation
- Nov. — Rummage Sale
- Nov. 14—Regular Business 7:30
refreshments

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Union Council News

Companion vacations are drawing swiftly to a close and I sincerely hope you all had a safe and sane holiday season. Now back safely on the job, we have a great season of Masonic activities ahead of us, and I am sure the York Rite Bodies, of which you, are a member are going to seriously need your fullest support.

October 8th Union Council will support a York Rite Festival Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Movies, and we hope to have the Rev. Donald Bodley, Grand Master of the first veil. R.A.M. as our principle speaker. Be sure you get your tickets early, for this great event.

The months which lie ahead should be devoted to Masonic Study, and the Holy Bible that great light in Masonry should be your constant guide in all of your undertakings. This great light contains such a wealth of information on God, and man, and their relationship, the problems of life and death, the problem of creation, and all of these things seems to have a great bearing on our daily lives. But to know God and this seems to be a subject of prime importance, is to know his creation. Most of us seem to have been satisfied with the hodge podge which have been fed to us from the days of the dark ages, the Copernican fallacies, with all of its blunders need not be continued to be excepted. The question which must be settled in the minds of our Masonic students **what is God,** and **where is God.** If we have to look into infinity for this answer we shall still be among those which are lost. If the wise men would just look up, they would see that the Sun, Moon, and planets, and stars together with their encompassing atmospheres are all in the earth's center, and their is absolutely no guess work about it either.

Albert Greenham

Visiting A Rural Lodge

"Where were you last evening, Tom?"

"Went down to the country."

"Well you missed the meeting of your life. The Grand Master was here, we had an orchestra, the lodge room was beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers and the banquet that followed was a peach. You surely missed it, Tom."

"I attended a meeting of a country lodge that night."

"Wouldn't some of those country Masons open their eyes if they could see a blow-out like the one we had last night!"

"Yes, I guess they would, but they made me open my eyes at their meeting all right."

"I guess I will have to tell you about that country lodge meeting:

"In the first place, it was held in the village school house, a two story brick building erected by this Masonic lodge and given rent free to the county for school purposes all except the large hall on the second floor.

"I was told about the meeting the day before and expressed my desire to attend, and the Master took me down to the butcher shop and told Chris Johnson, the butcher, what I wanted and requested him to get two more of the boys and examine me. Chris told me to come back after supper, and when I did so there were exactly nine of the local lodge members, present, and they made a function of the examination & used up three hours asking me everything from how many wives King Solomon had to where the M. hung his hat.

"They enjoyed themselves fine and I had a time that still seems like a bad dream to me. But from the moment that that examination was over my

standing in that village changed. I was the guest of the town and treated like a prince.

"Next day the farmers commenced coming in at daylight and at 11 o'clock the back fence of the courthouse was hitched full of gray mares, each with a colt at her heels, and the school house steps and fence were full of farmers in their Sunday clothes, each one whittling a stick and talking Masonry.

"At noon the real function of the day came in the shape of a dinner served by the wives of the Masons in the lodge room. I expected a luncheon, but I found a feast instead! Whole hams, whole turkeys with the stuffing sticking out and running over the plate, armfuls of celery, gallons and gallons of gravy, and right in front of me was a whole roasted pig with an apple in its mouth, and do you know, that pig really looked like he was glad he had died to grace so noble a feast.

"Honestly, the tables had to stand gross-legged to keep from falling down with their load, and when we got up a little child gathered up over a pint of buttons from under the table. Every night when I go to sleep I see that pig on that plate and a nice fat old lady that kept handing me glasses of boiled custard at that feed.

"Well, I won't make you hungry telling you about it. Enough to say that we ate and talked until 4 o'clock in the afternoon and I never had such a time in my life. They made me make a speech and

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61 year were elected. The meeting was then called off until 7:30 P.M.

About 100 members and friends enjoyed a baked ham dinner served in the dining room of the Emanuel Church Hall. The approaching fall season was the theme employed in the table decorations. Each table had vegetable and fruit filled cornucopias as centerpieces, and each dinner guest found a miniature cornucopia filled with candy and nuts beside their plate as a favor.

A short program preceded the opening of the evening session with Mr. Robert Paul providing part of the entertainment by a humorous monologue on football and a flute solo by Miss Charlene Clark. They were followed by the "Jug and Bottle Band", a hillbilly band dressed in tattered straw hats, ragged overalls and plaid shirts. The music was produced by blowing on water-filled jugs and bottles. The surprise of the evening came when the band members took off their hats and revealed themselves as an all girl group. These girls were all members of the Manchester 4H Club.

Mrs. Dealoris Richardson, Past President, Manchester Chapter, gave the call to order and the county officers entered escorted by their chapter matron. Following the welcome address and introductions by Mrs. Difenderfer, a tribute was paid to the Past First Vice-Presidents by the Saline Chapter. Mrs. Ruth Campbell, Associate Matron, sang a song dedicated especially to them and then presented each of the men with a gift jar of peanuts.

Mr. John Neuderfer, Past First Vice-President, was Soloist and his renditions of several songs were greatly appreciated by the audience. The installation of the county officers began by escorting

the newly elected officers behind the altar. Mrs. Lellavene Wallace was duly installed as President and a honor escort of Ypsilanti officers and members formed the letters of the word "Love" before assembling into an escort line. Mrs. Wallace has chosen red as her color theme for the year and the ladies in honor escort were dressed in red, and white floor length formals and carried long stemmed red roses which were presented to Mrs. Wallace at the end of the escort line.

The following officers were installed and escorted to their stations by the Ypsilanti honor escort. First Vice-President-Carl Stevens, Chelsea; Second Vice-President - Alice Johnson, Ann Arbor; Secretary-Treasurer - Ann Nuttle, Washtenaw-Dexter; Chaplain-

Grace Brisbin, Manchester; Marshal - Marian Day, Milan. Mrs. Vivian Predmore of Saline was elected Organist. Mrs. Eulah McCollum, Dexter, will be County Historian. Installing officers were: Letha Tooman, Past President, Milan; Installing Marshal, Eleanor Miller, Ypsilanti; Installing Chaplain, Erma Wolfen, Past Grand Chaplain, Saline; Installing Organist; Dorothy Hunt, Ypsilanti; and Installing Soloist, John Neuderfer, Past Vice-President, Manchester.

Mrs. Difenderfer was welcomed into the Past President's Club and the Milan Chapter retired the flags. Mr. Neuderfer sang the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. Refreshments followed in the dining room.

Phoenix Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master — HU 2-6876 Carl B. Barnett
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Junior Warden — HU 2-5860 Nels Mickelson
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Worthy Advisor with her new officers for the fall term. A dinner was served by the Eastern Star to the Blue Lodge "Senior Warden Night" on Sept. 20th.

Congratulations are in order for our Solist, Sister Joan Ray, who has a new baby boy born Sept. 10th named William Wallace Ray also John R. Dailey born July 22 to our sister Ruth Dailey. We were saddened by the loss of four of our members this past summer. Sisters Lillian Gale, a life member, Jessie Rose, Nellie Tripp, also a life member and Ruth Southgate. Our sincere sympathy goes to their families and friends.

Advanced Officers Night held Sept. 26th was preceded by a delicious Beef Stew dinner with Sister Minnie Woodside and her committee in Matron Helen Crane and charge of the dinner. Worthy Worthy Patron Harold Case stepped aside as Associate Matron Laura Gieb and Associate Patron Harold Lord presided in the East during the initiation of the candidate Ralph Parker and protem candidate, Jean Vining. The line officers are to be congratulated on their work and we may feel sure our Chapter is in capable hands for the coming year.

Every member is urged to be present for the annual meeting and election of officers, October 10. Grand Chapter will be held October 11, 12, and 13th in Grand Rapids. Our delegates will attend the three day session and represent our Chapter, they are, Worthy Matron Helen Crane, Worthy Patron, Harold Case and Associate Matron Laura Gieb. Any member who wishes to attend any of the meetings are welcome to do so. Registration will be Monday afternoon, October 10 until Wednesday noon, October 12.

Public installation of the 1960-61 officers of Ypsilanti Chapter will be held October 22 at 8:00 P.M. preceded by a dinner at 6:30 P.M. Reservations should be made to the Worthy Matron, Helen Crane or the Treasurer, Eva Cooper. A reception will follow the installation ceremonies.

This is my last communication in the Phoenix as my term as Matron draws to a close. I am grateful for the privilege of giving all our members and Masonic friends the news of our Chapter thru this column. The success of this year belongs to the work of my officers and the support of the members. Accept my sincere appreciation for your loyalty and cooperation.

Our members are urged to participate in the many coming events and meet your sisters and brothers and "by cheerful companionship and social enjoyments, lighten the burdens of active duty." Our Chapter needs your support in person to make it strong. This new year plan to join hands with your new Matron and officers to encourage and support them in carrying out the work of our beautiful Order.

Fraternally yours,
Helen Crane, Worthy Matron

Visiting A Rural Lodge

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I told all the stories I had heard in the theatres this winter till the Master said I ought to travel with a show.

"Then the women cleared up the place while the men went out and sat on the fence and smoked like furnaces.

"At 6 o'clock the lodge was opened and although the Master wore a slouch hat, and although there was not a dress suit in the room and although the Senior Warden (who was a farmer) had his favorite fox hound sitting solemnly beside his chair; I have never seen a more beautiful opening cere-

mony or a better rendered degree. It was the third and when the one candidate had finished the degree and had listened to the lecture I though the work was over. But I was mistaken. The Master finished all the work in the ritual and then added something like this:

" 'Jim, you now are a Mason. I fear that it will be many years before you know what that means. There is not a man in this room, Jim, that hasn't watched you grow up from a little shaver in a calico dress to manhood. There is not a man in this room who did not watch you all through school, and although you have thought all through life that you had no father, I want to tell you now that you had a hundred.

" 'Your father belonged to this lodge, Jim—was Master of it and although you can hardly remember him, every man in this room followed him to his grave and every one of us knows that his life was as spotless and square as a man's life can be and, Jim, while we don't know much about heaven, our innermost souls cry out the truthfulness of the life to come, and we know that somewhere in that great beyond your father is looking down on you and me this minute and is glad, and will watch, your career as a man and a Mason with renewed confidence and hope. He and we will watch you from now on, Jim.

" 'He knew when you got into the habit of playing ten-cent limit with the gang down at the hotel and it hurt him and it hurt us.

" 'All your future life, Jim, try to remember that he is looking down at you, and when there comes up to you a question of right and wrong to decide, try to think what he would like to have you do, and remember you have the honor of this lodge to sustain

now—the lodge that your father loved and was the Master of. Of course you are a man now, Jim, but when you were a boy, a very little boy, your daddy used to take you in his arms and pray God that He would guide you in the path that you have started in tonight and partly for daddy's sake, partly for God's sake, partly for the sake of the honor of this old lodge, but mostly for your own sake, Jim, I beg of you never to take a step that will make us regret what we have done tonight.'

"Jim was in tears and I will admit that I was sniffing some myself when the old man got through. Somehow I had forgotten that he did not have on a Tuxedo suit, somehow the fact that he had on a slouch hat instead of a plug, slipped out of my mind, and all that I remember and realize was that he a true Mason.

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